

Land Donation Fund

a) Environmental Land Fund (ELF)

Families sometimes give their cherished natural land and shoreline properties to the Conservation Foundation to be kept in a natural state forever. We accept one or two property donations each year. We are delighted to receive these lands, especially sensitive areas like shorelines and wetlands, but each gift comes with a hidden price tag for surveying, appraisal and legal fees.

b) Conservation Land Endowment Fund (CLEF)

This endowment fund is used to pay for some of the ongoing costs of new lands once they become part of the conservation area network. When we accept donated lands, we become responsible for public safety, proper mapping, municipal taxes, insurance, reforestation, and possibly fencing, trails, parking and signage.

Donations to CLEF stay in the endowment and keep on working forever.

Real satisfaction, real peace of mind, real gifts of lasting worth.



Rideau Valley watershed including the Rideau Waterway Canadian Heritage River and the UNESCO Rideau Canal World Heritage Site.

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation

*...with your goodwill,
some things can last forever*

Thank you for your consideration.

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The Joy of Giving

Some Things Should Never Change . . .

There are some things in life that most of us agree should never change . . . like peaceful natural areas, for example, away from the hustle and bustle of today's modern city life. Forest walks, public beaches, outdoor lessons for kids, safe havens for birds, fish and wildlife and healthy rivers and lakes.

Since 1970, the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation has protected these places and opportunities — places of natural beauty, environmental value and spiritual replenishment.

The Foundation needs your help to keep our environment clean and healthy. We rely on the goodwill of individuals who believe that some things in life should never change.

Your gifts are used . . .

in many different and important ways. You can give to the Williams Water Endowment Fund, the Conservation Areas Fund, and the Land Donation Fund. Gifts of money, property or in-kind services are greatly appreciated. All gifts are important and all gifts receive a charitable tax receipt.

And, most importantly, all gifts help us plan for the future so that the things you value will never change.

Williams Water Endowment Fund

The Williams Water Endowment Fund is all about protecting the lakes, rivers and streams right here at home in the Rideau Valley. Clean water is certainly one of those things that should last forever but we all know the pressures . . . more people, more activities, more encroachment on the lakes and rivers.

Where do your donations go?

- sampling water quality and quantity
- researching groundwater, surface water & climate change
- hiring students for water projects
- protecting & replanting natural shorelines
- delivering water education programs

Your donations to the Fund keep on working forever! Only the interest is taken to do water protection work; the principal, augmented with new gifts, continues to grow and continues to provide funds to keep our river clean and healthy year after year. It is a gift of lasting value.

The Williams Water Endowment Fund was set up with a generous gift from the Williams family in 2002 in honour of Gerry Williams, dedicated civil engineer, shoreline resident and consummate gentleman.

Conservation Areas Fund

Gifts to the Conservation Areas Fund provide additions and special touches to our network of 5,000 acres of publicly-owned lands in the valley. Things like sturdy picnic tables, roomy picnic shelters, sandy well-kept beaches, fun interpretive programs, safe trails and informative boardwalk signage to help families enjoy their outdoor experiences.

Conservation Areas and public lands provides space for family recreation, forestry management and the protection of shorelines, wetlands, wildlife habitat and sensitive landscapes, now and into the future.

Baxter, Foley Mountain, Mill Pond, Meisel Woods, Chapman Mills . . . these natural areas simply must be there for future generations to enjoy.

How would your gift be used?

- \$25 helps print a trail brochure to help people enjoy the features around them
- \$100 provides a teacher for a class of 30 kids for a full day of outdoor study
- \$500 builds eight metres of boardwalk along the wet parts of the nature trails.

